



STUDENTS SPEND SUMMER IN PARISH

A year ago James (Jug) Dunovant was dispensing pills and bandages from a Columbia, S. C. pharmacy. Meanwhile, his pal Gil McLaurin had just received a fistful of diploma from Southern Mississippi University.

Mike Winters was being separated from Uncle Sam's Army, and Bob Hawkins was ending a 16-year newspaper career with a nostalgic column.

This month this quartet, along with about 20 others, will pack off again to get a 10-week taste of ministry in churches throughout the realm of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Lyman Mobley is off to the "show me" state of Missouri, and Dick Drury is going back to Houston.

It is the annual exodus of juniors for labor in the field of supervised ministry under the direction of experienced ministers.

The Rev. Jasper (Jap) Keith, Jr., seminary program director, indicated that response from churches to assist in the training of students in this phase of ministry had been "outstanding, most encouraging."

Earlier in the school year Keith sent out inquiries to prospective congregations, and affirmative replies poured in to the seminary.

"We're sending out a good crop this year," he said. "The students have been enthusiastic about their studies and they have done well in their hospital and urban ministry courses."

While in the parishes, students will work in all phases of church life. During the summer they will be evaluated and nurtured by the local minister and by members of the congregation.

Here is a list of students, their presbyteries and the church where they will work this summer:

Shirley Adams, Atlanta, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; David Anderson, Memphis, Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; John Brown, Mecklenburg, Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Mental Health Center, Anderson, S. C.; Jerry Bustle West Florida, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ga.; Dick Drury, Brazos, First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex.; James Dunovant, Congaree, Morrow Presbyterian Church, Morrow, Ga.; Bob Hawkins, Tuscaloosa,

Tallapoosa Presbyterian Church, Tallapoosa, Ga.; Woody Johnson, Westminster, Ingleside Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Ga.; Homer Kimmons, Southwest Ga., First Presbyterian Church,

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GRADUATES HEAR WINTER AND TELFORD

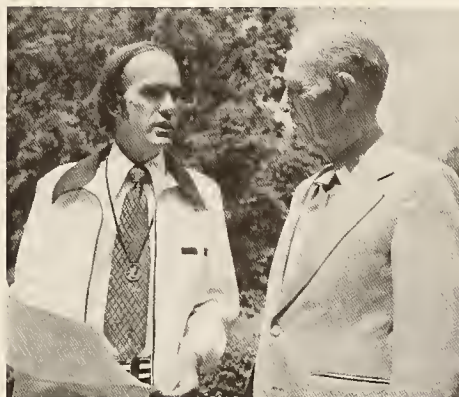
Forty degrees were awarded here in Columbia Theological Seminary's 142nd commencement exercises June 2.

Immediately, most of the graduates scattered to the ends of the earth in service of the Church. Some graduates went home overseas to serve on seminary faculties. However, most went out into the parishes of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Rev. George Telford, staff associate for Corporate Witness and Public Affairs with the GEB, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Graduation followed at 4 p.m. with Mississippi Lt. Governor William Winter, a ruling elder in the church, delivering the commencement address at Columbia Presbyterian Church.

(Pictures of the graduates and their call listings will be published in the summer issue of Inform.)



W. K. Price CTS '64 discusses Project Find-Out computer printout with Dean of Ministry Development, Jack B. McMichael. Price designed the computer program for this survey of ministers and compiled and helped interpret the data received.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Columbia Theological Seminary did not begin in the city in South Carolina whose name it now bears, but rather in the manse of the Rev. Thomas Goulding in Lexington, Georgia, where a handful of students gathered in the late fall of 1828. The dining room table at which they studied and learned is in my office still. It is a tangible reminder of our beginnings.

Recently it occurred to me that we are returning symbolically to that beginning with our program of supervised ministry in churches. Every student must spend one summer with a local congregation. He or she is to participate fully in the ministry of that congregation — preaching, offering pastoral care, planning and carrying out programs in the church. The local pastor is supervisor to the student, and — most important — a committee of officers and members is also supervising.

This year, in our new Doctor of Ministry program for students in course, several students will spend the entire third year in a local congregation. They will share in the life and ministry of that congregation for twelve months, under the pastor and a committee of members, and they will be learning and ministering at the same time.

Students, of course, have served in churches for many years. What is new is that for the summer they receive eight hours of credit and for the year thirty-two hours of credit. Jasper Keith and other seminary staff members will give supervision. But the credit is earned on the certification of a supervising pastor and a teaching congregation, who thus become formally a part of the process of education for ministry.

Not as once around a table in a manse in Lexington, Georgia, but now in churches, manses, homes and places of work of church members all over the South, men and women are learning and being taught to be faithful and effective ministers of Jesus Christ.

TWO LEAVE STAFF

Two mainstays in the life of Columbia will be missing when school begins next year.

They are Dr. Dean G. McKee, professor of Biblical exposition, and the Rev. Steve A. Bacon, vice president for development.

Dr. McKee retires at the close of the current session. He came to Columbia 13 years ago after a distinguished career as teacher, dean and president of Biblical Seminary of New York.

He is a favorite of students of the New Testament, spending many extra hours in discussion outside the classroom. Dr. McKee was honored on a recent Alumni Day by faculty, staff and former students.

Although retiring, Dr. McKee will remain at his home on Kirk Road near the seminary.

"Dean McKee has been an outstanding teacher and wise counselor to students," said President Ben Kline. "We are delighted that he and his fine wife will continue to make their home in this community."

Steve Bacon served the seminary nearly 10 years. He is well known among Presbyterians in the area served by Columbia.



Steve is now associate pastor of Atlanta's Central Presbyterian Church.

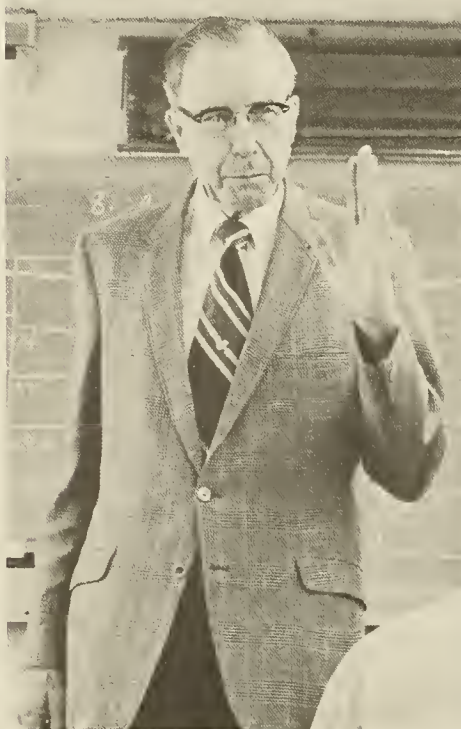
"I think it will be years before we really understand all that Steve has meant in the last decade to Columbia Seminary," Dr. Kline said. "Starting where he did and adding to his duties bit by bit made him a very important person here and throughout our constituency."

These sentiments were echoed by President Emeritus Dr. J. McDowell Richards who headed the institution when Bacon and McKee were hired.

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Bennettsville, S. C.; Robert MacKay, Killian Hill Baptist Church, Lilburn, Ga.; Gil McLaurin, South Mississippi, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ga.

Alphonso McLean, Florida, churches in DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; Lyman Mobley, First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, Mo.; Don Olinger, Montgomery, Unity Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill, S. C.; Jackie Owenby, Asheville, Andrews Presbyterian Church, Andrews, N. C.; Ben Scott, Pee Dee, First Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; Joan Standridge, Atlanta, Central Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ga.; Gordon West, Suwannee, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Mike Winters, Everglades, Sunrise Presbyterian Church, Hialeah, Fla.; and Leslie Young, North Alabama, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Fla.



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A BIBLE AND A STETHOSCOPE

Marilyn Washburn is apt to show up for class with a large sack slung conspicuously across her shoulder, and if it's late enough for the shadows of old Campbell Hall to be bent out onto Columbia Drive you can locate Marilyn merely by following the trail.

Inside the sack might be a copy of something or other by Barth, other thick books, a Bible and a stethoscope.

Stethoscope?

What's an aspiring woman of the cloth doing with a stethoscope? Hoping to detect a faint throb of a pulse among the exegetes, maybe?

So far as anyone knows Marilyn hasn't been called to whip out the medical instrument at the seminary yet, but who knows? She's due to be around for awhile.

In fact, in a couple of years Marilyn hopes to have earned two titles, reverend and doctor, the former from Columbia, the latter from Emory Medical School.

With this tandem packet of credentials she hopes to be of use to the calling of Jesus Christ in the missions field as healer of souls and bodies.

"Missions is a real possibility," says Marilyn, who already has begun to talk about distant dots on the globe, including Africa, Asia and the suffocating tribes of American Indians.

Lesser people would soon wilt under the heavy, demanding pace this young woman sets for herself. However, her closest friends describe Marilyn's drive as a steady cadence and no wasted motion. That is to say: Marilyn Washburn is rarely ruffled. Confusion and despair are two elemental spirits that avoid her.

A woman with a double-barreled student career, a husband and the business of domestic life to manage wouldn't appear to have much time to attend to the small amenities. Just isn't so with Marilyn, because her Church, Decatur Presbyterian, hosts a family night supper and services on Wednesdays, and Marilyn's always there. Ditto for Sunday worship.

Her husband, Bill, is the son of missionaries. He was brought up in Zaïre (formerly the Congo) where he taught two years after graduation from Southwestern at Memphis. Now Bill works as



a computer programmer. Marilyn says he also understands the tedious mechanics of a dust mop, the art of cooking and the feeling of "total depravity" standing before a sinkful of dirty dishes.

Marilyn was raised in Miami, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts. Mr. Roberts is a lawyer and a commercial airlines pilot.

"Bill is a great supporter," Marilyn coos. "He's all for me studying medicine and ministry. Sure, we don't spend as much time together as we'd like, but often we just make time for ourselves."

Like this quarter they took a seminary course together. (Course designers here at Columbia long ago rigged up a cozy plan whereby spouses of students can audit courses with their mates free of charge. The plan has been eagerly received by wives whose husbands attend night classes.)

Marilyn has completed most of her classroom work in medical school. From here on it's mostly clinical work. Not surprisingly, some of her courses at Emory are virtually duplicated at Columbia. Psychiatry, for instance, was covered in a course called "Ministry to Persons." Likewise, the character of her ministerial instruction has been invaluable in the approach and method of medical school.

"So far I haven't been able to tie much of anything from the Old Testament with medicine," she sighed.

The first move for most freshly anointed doctors these days is to trot off to another place for a specialty. However, Marilyn says that if she specializes it will be as "general as I can get it." In a word, she plans to do family medicine, a specialty of its own in this age of complexity.

A few weeks ago down at Atlanta's sprawling Grady Hospital Marilyn

bumped into a Columbia student doing a chaplaincy practicum down there. Right off, she suggested a quick cup of coffee and an open ear to hear, astonishingly, a gripe she'd been carrying around from a morning medical class.

"Those guys," she cut a one-eighty swoop with her right arm, her teeth clinched at a table of medical students across the dining hall, "are giving me a hard time because I'm in seminary. They're calling me names."

"What names are they calling you?" her Columbia chum asked.

"The exorcist," she shouted.

Her friend had to get a fresh cup. He spilled the first one as he doubled over laughing.

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTED AT ROCKEAGLE

More than 450 young people turned out for the annual Society for Missionary Inquiry (SMI) retreat at Rock Eagle State Park the last weekend in April.

SMI is a Columbia organization for students interested in the missions. Main speaker was Herb Barks, president of Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga. The group was entertained by Paul Stookey, formerly of the Peter, Paul and Mary folk singing trio.

SMI President Luke Harkey said the young people contributed a significant amount of money for student mission projects.

Seminary leaders were Columbia Professors L. R. Dewitz, C. G. Gonzalez, S. C. Guthrie, E. N. Loring, J. B. McMichael, T. S. Nease and R. S. Wallace.

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FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PROGRAM DRAWS 300

A vivacious group of more than 300 persons took part in Come and See Columbia Day activities in mid April. The annual event sponsored by Columbia Friendship Circle drew participants from Georgia and surrounding states. All of Columbia's supporting synods were represented.

Contact with students and faculty members was a key note of the program. Seniors Libba Fairleigh and Lynn Shurley were worship leaders and President C. Benton Kline the preacher at the opening worship service. Music for the service included selections by students David Anderson, Sarah and Ben Scott, and Ron Crews and a violin duet by Professors Fred Bonkovsky and Hubert Taylor.

Friendship Circles, where small groups of visitors learned about Columbia from a student and a faculty member, were the highlight of the day.

During the business session, led by CFC President Mrs. Walter Wood, Jr., it was reported that the 1973-74 project, Books for the Library, received gifts of \$22,268 from 4820 CFC members.

Mrs. Sara Anne Johnson of Atlanta's North Avenue Church was elected 1974-75 CFC President. Vice President Mrs. Jumelle Rogers of Bennettsville, S. C. will serve a second year. Secretary for



l to r Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Rogers

the new year will be Mrs. Betty Gwaltney from First Church, Daytona Beach, Florida.

"CFC Adds the Plus" will be the 74-75 project. The importance of supervised ministry within local congregations as a plus to the classroom was emphasized in a presentation by Professor Jasper Keith.

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ETHICS STUDIED IN CITY SETTING

Beginning next winter, the junior class at CTS will participate in a new, field-centered experience in theological learning. An introductory course in Christian Ethics will be closely linked to the students' experience of supervised ministry at Grady Memorial Hospital and inner-city Atlanta.

Dr. Frederick Bonkovsky, associate professor of Christian Ethics, will teach the new course. Dr. Bonkovsky, who joined the faculty last fall and participates also in the middler supervised ministry, holds a Harvard doctorate in ethics and social science. Previously, Prof. Bonkovsky pastored an inner-city church in Boston, Mass., and did similar field teaching for Gordon-Conwell Seminary. The new CTS course in ethics is subtitled "The City of God and of Persons."

Prof. Jap Keith, who directs the programs of supervised ministry commented: "This is a healthy move. The faculty recognizes that supervised ministry gives experiential, relational, and practical learning. Dr. Bronkovsky's course will provide cognitive insight and structural awareness of the dynamics of ministry. Pastoral care to persons will be viewed within the broader context of ministry in community, structures, and systems. I am excited about this new design and believe it will open new avenues to learning the work of ministry in today's complex society."

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